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Proposed Classification of this application:
Prior Application: 09/320,201Class:
Examiner: L. GurleySubclass:
Art Unit: 2812

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231COPY OF PAPERS
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a: continuation application
 divisional application

pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of pending prior application Serial No. 09/320,201, filed May 26, 1999, for the invention entitled "INTEGRATED CIRCUIT WITH STOP LAYER AND ASSOCIATED FABRICATION PROCESS" by inventors Philippe Gayet and Eric Granger.

1. Enclosed are a specification, formal drawings, and a copy of the executed declaration as originally filed. No new matter has been added.
2. The filing fee is calculated below (see also paragraph 5 below):

| | | SMALL ENTITY | | | LARGE ENTITY | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Claims After Amendment | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate | | Rate | |
| Total Claims | 5 | - 20 = | 0 | x \$ 9 = | \$ | x \$ 18 = |
| Independent | 1 | - 3 = | 0 | x \$ 42 = | \$ | x \$ 84 = |
| Basic Fee | | | Small Entity = \$370.00 | | | \$740.00 |
| Large Entity = \$740.00 | | | \$ | | | |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | | | + \$140 = | \$ | + \$280 = | \$ |
| Assignment Recording Fee | | | + \$40 = | \$ | + \$40 = | \$ |
| TOTAL FEE DUE = | | | \$ | | | \$740.00 |

3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee in the amount of \$740.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1556.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1556.
5. Cancel in this application original claims 1-14 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

6. [X] Related Application Data and Incorporation by Reference: Amend the specification by inserting before the first line:
-- This is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/320,201, filed May 26, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. _____ . The entire disclosure of prior application Serial No. 09/320,201 is herein incorporated by reference. --

7. [] Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application.

8. [X] Priority of patent application No. 98-06687 filed in France on May 27, 1998 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy of the priority application was filed in the prior application.

9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to: STMicroelectronics S.A.

10. [X] The power of attorney appears in the original papers in the prior application.

11. [X] A PTO-1449 form listing all of the references cited by both the Examiner and Applicants during prosecution of the prior application is enclosed.

12. [] The statement of Small Entity Status filed in the prior application is still proper.

13. [X] Direct all correspondence to: Customer Number 23334.

Respectfully submitted,

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